

REMARKS

The applicant has studied the Office Communication dated May 12, 2004. The amendment filed on May 3, 2004, has been corrected for non-compliance with respect to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Specifically, the status of claims 1-10 have been revised to be indicated as withdrawn. Furthermore, the text of all withdrawn claims (1-10, 13, 15-16) has been removed for further compliance.

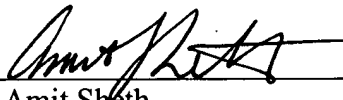
Accordingly, examination of the application, as amended, is requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (213) 623-2221 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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